

**State Agencies' Action Plan Status Report
for Fiscal Year 2000**

Action ID	Action Item Title	Lead Agency	FTE	Biennial Total	Tasks Planned for Fiscal Year 2000	Status
AGRICULTURAL STRATEGY TO IMPROVE FISH HABITAT						
Agr-1	Update state restrictions on pesticide applications	WDA	2.1	88,960	Evaluate effect of pesticides applications and uses on ESA listed species.	A process to evaluate the effects of pesticides was initiated in March 2000. Technical and policy groups were formed. Criteria for the evaluation are being developed.
					Develop regulations (if needed) to protect listed species and comply with Clean Water Act.	ECY is also updating the Environmental Impact Statement on aquatic herbicides.
					Pursue limit on take prohibition (4(d) rules, or section 7 consultation).	Regulation was not developed in FY00.
Agr-2	Revise farm conservation practices	CC, WDA	2.5	557,200	Establish Field Office Technical Guides (FOTG) process as part of the Agriculture, Fish and Wildlife Forum effort and negotiate changes to farm conservation practices standards.	Comments and recommendations were provided to NMFS in response to the 4(d) rules. Preliminary discussions are underway with NMFS, USFWS and EPA.
						Negotiations with State, Federal, and Agricultural caucuses are underway. Monthly negotiation sessions with constituents on farm conservation practices standards in progress -- focus to date has been on drainage ditches and dikes.
Agr-3	Implement Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)	CC	1.4	4,296,400	Develop public education program for CREP and provide technical assistance.	Done. The public education program includes a series of maps provided by WDFW.
					Implement tracking, reporting and monitoring systems for signups.	Done. A tracking system is in place.
					Sign up landowners to enroll agricultural riparian lands in the CREP.	35 contracts covering 600 acres are in place with another 100 contracts pending.
Agr-4	Develop guidance for Comprehensive Irrigation Management Plans	WDA	0.3	48,000	Set up Agriculture, Forest and Water (AFW) process and provide technical and financial assistance to support the effort.	A collaborative effort between state and federal agencies, agriculture community, and environmental groups (tribes were invited) known as the AFW was set up in September 1999. Technical assistance and support is provided by several agencies.
					Develop guidance documents for comprehensive irrigation plans.	Guidance document for comprehensive irrigation plans is near completion. Final draft expected mid-December 2000. Public review period through January 2001.
					Negotiate ESA and Clean Water Act compliance requirements.	Negotiations with NMFS and USFWS are underway.
Subtotal			6.3	4,990,560		